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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT PRESS REACTION TO CLIFFORD MISSION

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS GIVES PROMINENCE TO CLIFFORD PRESS
CONFERENCE EMPHASIZING STATEMENT THAT THERE IS DEFINITE
POSSIBILITY FOR REACHING A CYPRUS SOLUTION BEFORE THE END
OF 1977. WARM, GRATEFUL EDITORIALS ON THE CLIFFORD MISSION
APPEAR IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER SIMERINI AND EXTREME-RIGHT MAKHL.
MODERATE PRO-GOC PHILELEFTHEROS IS POSITIVE, BUT MORE
GUARDED. ONLY FAR-LEFT SOCIALIST TA NEA IS NEGATIVE.
FOLLOWING ARE SELECTED EXCERPTS:

2. PHILELEFTHEROS: "FROM WHAT HAS BEEN SAID AND WRITTEN
ABOUT MR. CLIFFORD'S VISIT, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE IS HERE,
PRIMARILY, TO LISTEN...." (ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE
TO MAKARIOS:) "WE ARE HAPPY TO SEE THAT THE PRESIDENT
APPRECIATES GOOD WISHES FROM CYPRUS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO
ADD THAT THE EXPRESSION OF GOOD FEELINGS AND WISHES BY
CYPRUS TO PRESIDENT CARTER WAS NOT ARTIFICIAL BUT
SPONTANEOUS AND GENUINE."

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3. SIMERINI: "THE CLIFFORD CASE SHOWS THE KIND OF PEOPLE
WHO ARE WORKING TO HELP CYPRUS. WE MUST BE NOT ONLY
GRATEFUL BUT ALSO REALISTIC AND, ABOVE ALL, SINCERE.
PREREQUISITES FOR A PEACEFUL, JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION
DO EXIST AND ARE BEING STRENGTHENED."

4. MAKHI: "MAKARIOS DID THE RIGHT THING WHEN HE ACCEPTED AMERICAN MEDIATION...." "LET US HOPE THAT MR. CARTER WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW INTEREST IN A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND THAT HE WILL PROCEED IN A DETERMINED WAY WITH THE PROMOTION OF A JUST, HONORABLE, DIGNIFIED AND LASTING SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM."

5. TA NEA CARRIES BANNER-HEADLINE STORY ALLEGING CLIFFORD EXERCISED "TREMENDOUS PRESSURE" ON MAKARIOS TO ACCEPT FORMATION OF TWO SEPARATE FEDERATED STATES WITH SHADOW CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.
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